

Jackaroo 4WD Club of Australia (Victorian Branch) Incorporated

Incorporation Number A0015419V

Meeting held at:--
North Balwyn RSL and Bowling Club.
Centre Way, North Balwyn. Victoria.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 16th March 2011.

Minutes recorded by :- John Smith

Meeting Opened at:- 7.56pm

Apologies :-

Vicki Powell, Chris Rogers, Wayne Peterken, Craig Finlay, Rod Tamblyn

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting :-

Motion: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17th March 2010 as published in the March 2011 Newsletter, be accepted.

Proposed by Philip Johnstone, Seconded by John Kneebone. Motion accepted.

Business arising from Minutes:-

The Secretary reported that in the "Trip Coordinators report" there is mention of an attached addendum listing trips conducted between March 2009 & February 2010. This list was not actually tabled at the 2010 AGM, and was later published in the April 2010 edition of the club magazine.

REPORTS:-

President :- John Dudley

John reported that the year started out with the Tolmie Tri-State event during the Easter holidays and he extended a vote of thanks to David Dobson and his team for their hard work in making the event so successful.

John recalled that several members had experienced illnesses during the year. Regrettably just recently we acknowledged the passing of Tom Welsh from our group. John wished any members currently on the "sick list" a quick recovery.

John also reminded the meeting that we now conduct our driver training in conjunction with the Land Rover Owners Club, and while some cost issues arose early in the piece, these were satisfactorily resolved.

John thanked Ian Blainey for his ongoing participation with our driver training unit.

John also thanked the retiring committee members for their input throughout the year. At the start of the year there had been concerns with falling membership numbers and reduced trips available. Sub-committees were formed to analyse and asked to report back to the main committee with their recommendations. Overall, our membership numbers have remained reasonably static and there has been a marked improvement in the frequency of trips over the year.

The overall “profile” of the club has altered somewhat with a little less emphasis on the specific Jackaroo involvement and more towards the club becoming more welcoming of all brands of 4WD’s into the club.

In closing John stated that the future of the club will now be in the hands of the incoming committee.

Vice President :- Barry McElhenny

Barry reported that he has been in the caretaker role of Vice President only for a month or so and has lately been contacting prospective guest speakers for our monthly meetings.

Secretary :- John Smith

John stated that at each monthly meeting he gives a not very interesting report on correspondence & other items which the club receives via mail and more commonly nowadays via e-mail.

He reports at both the committee meeting and to members at the monthly meeting on matters of club interest that arrive by either of these means.

There is no actual data retained on the volume of mail received either of snail or e-mail varieties, nor is a track kept of the magazines & junk mail received—there is not a huge amount of either, but what is of interest to members gets passed on, often via the e-mail facility which is free & fairly instantaneous.

The bulk of “mail” originates from 4WD Victoria and is usually dealt with at committee level and can relate to a wide range of subjects, eg. re our presence at the recent Wandin 4WD Show, insurance matters and occasionally the revision of affiliation fees etc.

Mail also includes invoices & other financial items for the attention of the Treasurer.

Other information such as the new amendments to the Affinity Insurance policy, to be mentioned at the general meeting later, advice on track closures, cancellation of other club’s events etc are tabled at the respective meetings for information or action.

About this time last year 4WDVic announced that an annual “census” of all clubs’ members was to be accurately recorded & submitted back to them. This was a first and principally intended to meet Insurance requirements, to ensure that they, the Association, was fully aware of who and how many people were actually affiliated with them and meant to be covered by the umbrella insurance scheme.

Before 2010, it appeared that some clubs had just submitted an estimate of XX members for the coming year—few actual names and addresses etc, little in fact to identify any club member who may be involved in an accident or some legal situation while a club member. Last year’s procedural change involved adoption of a number of new forms to be handled, even the completion of a risk assessment analysis of our past & future trip activities on top of paying the necessary affiliation fee for each nominated member by a specific date, some time before we actually sought annual renewal fees to be paid by members.

John stated that tonight is the end of his 2nd term as Secretary and went on to say that he has enjoyed being a part of a very dedicated, responsible & enthusiastic committee that represents this club. He said that he has been a member for 8 or so years, not participated

in too many outings due to one reason or another but during his time as Secretary has had the opportunity to meet, talk & get to know many of you a lot more and even got away on a few trips.

Membership Officer:- Chris Rogers

In the absence tonight of Chris Rogers, John Smith reported on his behalf that our membership numbers remain at 64.

John passed on a request from Chris that a special vote of thanks be given to Philip Johnstone who had fielded replies to the numerous "technical enquiries" received about Jackaroo vehicles from the public via our website. Chris suggested that an official club position of "TECHNICAL ADVISER" or similar should be considered as appreciation for the background work that Philip has performed.

Treasurer :- Graeme Mitchell

Graeme reported that our financial balance to the end of February was \$ 8950.76
Annual Income was \$9508.97
Annual Expenditure was \$26.450.23

Our loss for the year was \$16,942.26, however in the previous year we had a profit of \$16,941.26 due to income from the Tolmie event, therefore our loss balanced over the 2 years was actually \$0.00

In taking out the Tri-state costs we made a loss of \$687.05

Recently we have purchased a projector for use at meetings and also added a set of Max Trax recovery "pads" to our equipment register.

Trip Coordinator :- Brad Riddington

Brad acknowledged the good work that Mike Pavey has put into the Trip Coordinator's role for most of the past year before his departing on his big trip around Australia with wife Anita.

Brad said that from the returned trip sheets and his recollections, the club trips seemed to be a little down on previous years, this may be due to not all trip sheets being returned to the Trip Coordinator or to Tolmie "burnout".

Leaving Tolmie aside for a minute the club has run 6 day trips & 7 overnight or multi-day trips during the past year.

During the hugely successful Tolmie Tri-State gathering over Easter last year the club ran 35 trips over the 4 days.

Brad thanked the club members who put their hands up and led a club trips over the year, and encouraged anyone to get involved and lead a trip in the next 12 months. He said that It is a great way to get to know your fellow members and maybe gain some new skills.

Brad took this opportunity to single out a couple of club members for their efforts over the past 12 months.

He said the first person has led a number of trips over the past year and has a few more on the books for 2011. He is heavily involved in the club and loves nothing more than roaming the countryside in his 2 tone Pathfinder exploring the historical sites of Victoria and beyond.

Brad presented to Harry Richards, a small gift in appreciation for his efforts in leading numerous club trips.

The second person provides an ongoing valuable service to the club by guiding new members down the right tracks when they are first acquiring their 4WD skills. He also hones the skills of some experienced drivers who are willing to test their abilities against current practices. Brad presented Ian Blainey with a small gift for his efforts over the past year with the Driver Training Unit.

At this point John Dudley vacated the chair and Past President David Dobson presided over the meeting declaring that all positions are vacant and called for nominations from the floor.

Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members

President :- Peter Sanders

Nominated by Ian Blainey, Seconded by Brian Miller

Vice President:- Ian Blainey

Nominated by Brian Miller, Seconded by Jan Martin

Secretary:- John Smith

Nominated by Ian Blainey, Seconded by Rick Farlow.

Treasurer:- Graeme Mitchell

Nominated by Brad Riddington, Seconded by Ian Blainey.

Editor:- Harry Richards

Nominated by Brian Miller, Seconded by Ian Blainey.

Membership Officer:- Chris Rogers.

Nominated by Philip Johnstone, Seconded by Paul Trouse.

Librarian:- Adrian Morris

Nominated by David Dobson, Seconded by John Kneebone..

Trip Coordinator:- John Dudley

Nominated by David Dobson, Seconded by Graeme Mitchell.

Property Officer:- Mark Eames

Nominated by Brian Miller, Seconded by David Dobson

Committee Member:- Philip Johnstone

Nominated by John Smith, Seconded by Rick Farlow.

Committee Member:- Paul Trouse

Nominated by Jan Martin, Seconded by John Smith.

Committee Member:- Barry McElhenny

Nominated by David Dobson, Seconded by John Smith.

Committee Member:- Brian Miller

Nominated by Jan Martin, Seconded by Ian Blainey.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Graeme Mitchell moved that an item be permanently included on each AGM agenda---To review & discuss the annual membership subscriptions for the following year..
Motion seconded by David Dobson and passed on a show of hands.

Adrian Morris offered a vote of thanks to Stuart Trevena who tirelessly ensures that we have an ongoing supply of tea, coffee & biscuits etc for our meeting breaks & who tackles the washing up after the meetings... Thank you, Stuart for your assistance.

The Meeting closed at 9.50 pm